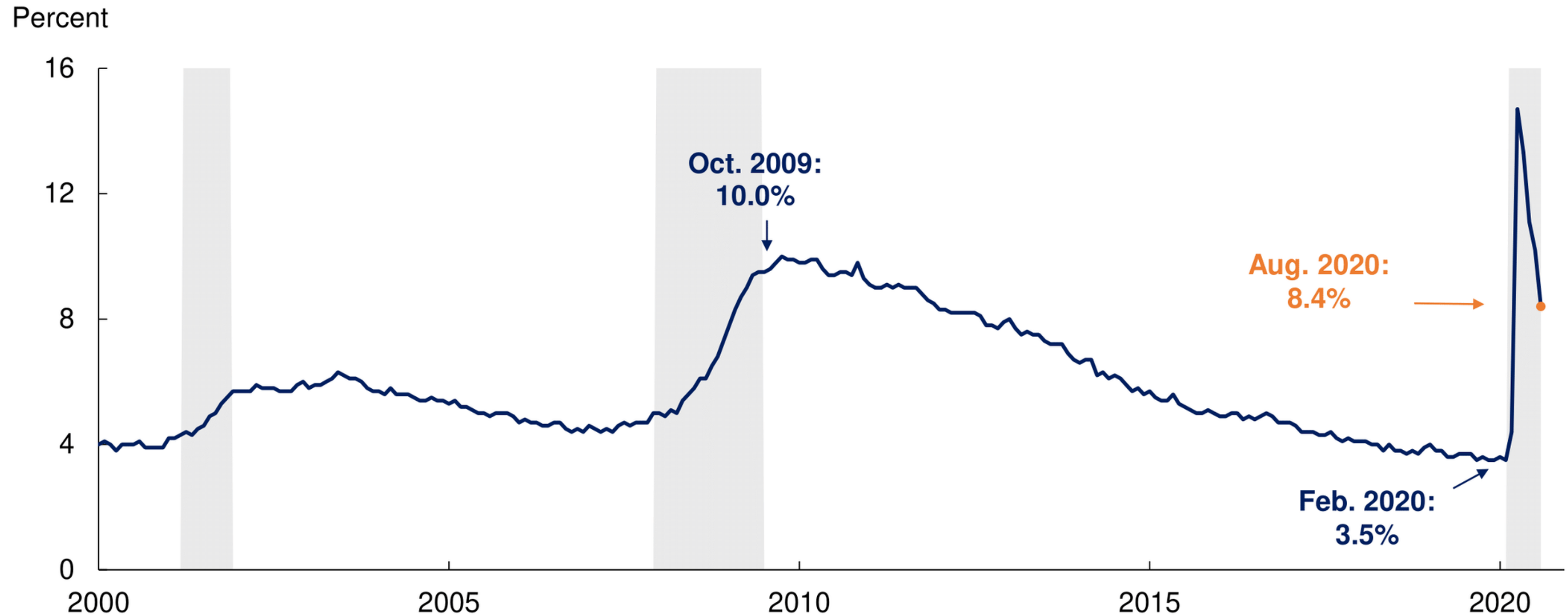


Unemployment Rate Fell to 8.4% in August

Remains Nearly 5 Percentage Points Higher Than in February



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Note: Gray shading denotes recession.